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ATTORNEY LISA GELB NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU

Ms. Gelb Returns to FCC After Three-Year Hiatus

Washington, D.C. – Lisa Gelb has been appointed Deputy Bureau Chief of the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau by Bureau Chief Jeffrey Carlisle.

As one of two Deputy Chiefs, Ms. Gelb will oversee two of the Bureau's four divisions, the Telecommunications Access Policy Division and the Pricing Policy Division. Among her responsibilities will be managing review of the funding mechanisms for the \$5 billion Universal Service program that supports telephone service in rural and high-cost areas, wires schools and libraries for the Internet, helps fund rural telemedicine and helps low-income families with their phone bills. She will also oversee retail and wholesale rate regulation mechanisms and manage review of pricing policies for special access, or bulk telephone transport purchased by long-distance carriers, wireless carriers and competitive providers.

"We are very fortunate to be able to bring Lisa back to the Commission," Mr. Carlisle said. "Her extensive experience and excellent judgment will be crucially important in managing the workloads we deal with in TAPD and PPD."

Ms. Gelb returns to the FCC from the Office of the City Attorney in San Francisco, where she had been on the Telecommunications Team since June 2001. Prior to that, she served at the FCC for six years. She began work at the agency in 1995 managing a team of attorneys that developed key policies for implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996. She later managed a team of 40 that oversaw Universal Service. She defended the agency's policies as part of the Office of General Counsel from June 1999 through May 2001.

From 1990-94, she was in private practice with the law firms of Miller & Holbrooke and Spiegel & McDiarmid. She was a freelance writer and copy aide for the Washington Post for two years after graduating from Vassar College in 1984. She received her J.D. cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School in May of 1989.

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